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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD EPAP JA

SUBJECT: CITRUS FUNGICIDE

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY ECON AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL MOTONO INFORMED ECON MINISTER ON FEB 22 THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD CONSULTED WITH OTHER MINISTERS CONCERNED ON CITRUS FUNGICIDE AND THEY HAD DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH CONSIDERATION OF OPP. TEST DATA ON OPP WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE FOOD SANITATION INVESTIGATION COUNCIL (FSIC) AS SOON AS THE JFY 77 BUDGET PASSES THE LOWER HOUSE. IF DIET KEEPS TO PRESENT SCHEDULE, THAT WILL BE ON MARCH 11. THE FSIC WILL DECIDE THE CASE BY THE END OF APRIL.

2. EMIN NOTED THAT THIS TIMING WOULD NOT RESOLVE OPP QUESTION UNTIL AFTER PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND THEREFORE FUKUDA WOULD HAVE TO EXPLAIN SITUATION TO THE PRESIDENT. MOTONO AGREED BUT OBSERVED THAT APPROVAL IN LATE APRIL WOULD BE MUCH EARLIER THAN WAITING UNTIL AFTER UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS NEXT SUMMER AS MOST OF THE POLITICALLY ORIENTED MINISTERS, ESPECIALLY SONODA, HAD BEEN PRESSING FOR. HE ADDED THAT HE IS CONFIDENT THIS TIME OPP QUESTION WILL BE FINALLY SETTLED.

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3. MOTONO WENT ON TO SAY THAT TBZ TESTING SHOULD BE COMPLETED SOME TIME IN MARCH. TEST RESULTS WOULD THEN BE PUBLISHED AND CIRCULATED. AFTER THAT, FSIC CAN ALSO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TBZ.

4. EMIN ASKED HOW PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION TO MOVE AHEAD ON OPP SHOULD BE HANDLED. MOTONO SAID QUESTION

IS QUITE DELICATE SINCE GOJ DOES NOT WANT TO GIVE
IMPRESSION THAT DECISION WAS TAKEN UNDER PRESSURE FROM
U.S., HE ASKED THAT WE KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL AND LEAVE
RELEASE OF NEWS TO GOJ DECISION IN DUE COURSE. HE NOTED
THAT FSIC IS AN INDEPENDENT BODY AND IT WOULD BE UNWISE
TO RISK OFFENDING ITS MEMBERS THROUGH PREMATURE
ANNOUNCEMENTS OR LEAKS.
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